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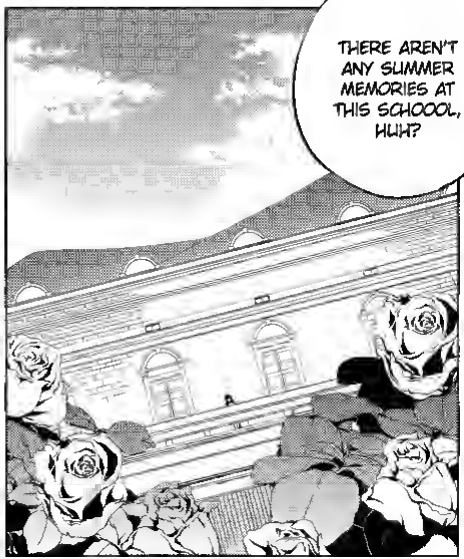

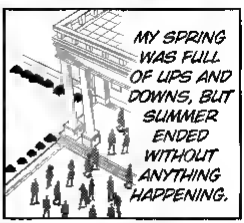

SHUU AND AOI, AFTERWARDS...

WHAT WAS THAT AWKWARD-NESS FROM THE SUMMER BREAK...?
WAS IT MY IMAGI-NATION?
I JUST GET THE FEELING THAT HOW HE TREATED ME DURING THE SUMMER BREAK WAS DIFFERENT FROM USUAL...
BUT NOW...
HE'S NORMAL.

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A CHANCE MEETING WITH THE 〈PAST〉, THAT BEGINNING IS...
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Reversible School Life

WELL, I JUST DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE IN IT.
IT'S GREAT HOW YOU PROPERLY STUDY, AOI-CHAN.
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YOU DID BAD IN JAPANESE AGAIN?
Shou 45
Name Kaede

I ONLY DO STUFF I'M INTERESTED IN.
Is that an otaku trait?
HOW YOU SELECT YOUR FEMALE CLOTHING GIVES OFF THAT FEELING...
Very cosplay-like
Lolita
China

THAT'S BECAUSE DURING THE SUMMER BREAK I THOUGHT THAT IT'D BE BAD TO ALWAYS BE BAD AT IT.
I SEE...

YOU'RE ALSO INTERESTED IN CROSS-DRESSING, RIGHT?
N-NO! NOT REALLY..!
HAHA, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DENY IT.

I SEE YOU STARTED WEARING KNEE SOCKS.
YAEZAKI-SAN SAID THAT KNEE SOCKS AND TIGHTS HIDE THE FAULTS OF CROSS-DRESSING.
they look totally different!
By just making your legs pretty
WELL THAT'S TRUE.
I'M NOT THAT CUTE...
SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD WORK HARD AT IT...
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THAT'S NOT TRUE. YOU ARE CUTE.
He gets shy so easily
Ahhhh!
HE'S SO CUTE.
WHAT IS IT?
UM, YOU MIGHT NOT BE INTERESTED IN THIS, BUT...
I'D LIKE YOU TO HELP ME A BIT AFTER SCHOOL.

WELL, THERE'S TOO MUCH TO DO FOR ONE PERSON..
YOU'RE HERE TO HELP OUT, RIGHT?

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
AH, NATSUME-KUN.

WITH SORTING THESE DOCUMENTS.
We have to do this!?
GEH !!

THERE'S NOTHING DIFFICULT ABOUT IT. IT'S SIMPLE WORK.
WE'LL JUST BE SORTING THEM
SINCE THEY GOT ALL MIXED UP WHEN THEY WERE PILING UP.♡

I CALLED OUT TO YOU BECAUSE IT'LL BE TROUBLE-SOME IF THE VICE-PRINCIPAL FINDS OUT, NATSUME-KUN.♡
I'M Sorry!
This hopeless adult...
SO SHE SELECTED ME TO HELP, BUT IT'S HARD DOING IT BY MYSELF TOO, SO...

YES!
OKAY.
Uhh...

...AND SO WE HIT IT OFF AND I SCOUTED THAT KID.
YOU'RE SO SECRETIVE, SO IT SEEMS LIKE HE'D JUST ABOUT BE YOUR ONLY FRIEND.
Nihi!♡
Kugayama-san's nice, isn't he?
TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE!
BUT DON'T YOU THINK HAVING SECRETS AND BEING MYSTERIOUS IS GO...
SPEAK-ING OF MYSTER-IES,
THERE'S A LOT AT THIS SCHOOL THAT'S UNUSUAL,
OR RATHER, STRANGE.

USUALLY THERE ARE PHOTOS OF THE SUCCESSIVE PRINCIPALS IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE,
BUT THERE AREN'T ANY, SO I WAS WONDERING IF THIS WAS A REALLY NEW SCHOOL.
DID YOU FOUND THIS SCHOOL?
I'LL DO THIS FOR FREE, SO I'D LIKE YOU TO TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW.
IF IT WASN'T FOR THIS SCHOOL,

I'M SURE I WOULDN'T HAVE CROSS-DRESSED FOR MY WHOLE LIFE.
HE'S... RIGHT.
I'D ALSO LIKE TO HEAR THIS.

IF IT WASN'T FOR THIS SCHOOL,
I WOULDN'T HAVE THESE FEELINGS.

...HNN...
Wa!?
IT'S SCARY BEING WATCHED BY FORCEFUL KIDS LIKE YOU TWO WITH THAT NOBLE FAMILY POWER...
OKAY,

I HAD A CHILD-HOOD FRIEND
NAMED... KOHARU-CHAN...
SHE WAS A VERY CUTE GIRL
WHO HAD LONG, FLUFFY HAIR, LARGE EYES AND LONG EYE-LASHES.
SHE HAD A VERY LOVELY SMILE, AND TALKED KINDLY WITH ME, TOO...
I REALLY LOVED HER.

WE LIKED TO QUIETLY PASS THE TIME BY READING BOOKS IN HER HOUSE AND PLAYING TOGETHER
SO SHE ALWAYS REMAINED MOTION-LESS LIKE A DOLL.
BUT HER BODY WAS WEAK AND SHE COULDN'T PLAY OUT-SIDE VERY OFTEN.
KOHARU-CHAN'S FAMILY RAN A BUSINESS. BUT IT WASN'T GOING WELL.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING LATELY...
AND THEN ONE DAY KOHARU-CHAN STARTED TO SMILE LESS AND LESS...
WELL... YOU SEE...

IT SEEMS...IT'S BEEN DECIDED WHO I'M GOING TO MARRY.
FOR THEM TO DO SOMETHING LIKE AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE NOWADAYS.
AT THE TIME, I GOT MAD IN PLACE OF HER
WHAT!? THAT'S ...
I GOT
... REALLY ANGRY.

KOHARU-CHAN MOVED TO LIVE WITH HER FIANCEE
WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL,
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FROM THE START, SHE WAS THE TYPE OF SHY, QUIET GIRL WHO WOULDN'T PLAY WITH LIVELY BOYS
KOHARU-SAN! THIS IS THE BOOK I BORROWED THE OTHER DAY.
IT WAS VERY INTERESTING! THANK...
BUT SHE GRADUALLY STARTED SHOWING SIGNS OF REJECTION AND FEAR TOWARDS MEN.
I SEE... THAT'S GREAT.
I WAS NO EXCEPTION TO BEING THE TARGET OF THAT, TOO.
HM...? EXCEPTION?
AND SO

WAIT! WAIT! WAIT !!
WHEN MY BODY AND VOICE BECAME MORE MASCULINE IN HIGH SCHOOL...
Uh.
Whaaat!?
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YOU'RE A MAN !?
Huh!?
THAT'S RIGHT.
Whoa
TSUBAKI SAID YOU WERE OTHERWORDLY, BUT TO THINK IT WAS TRUE...
He said there's nothing to feel awkward about.
Ehh
HOW RUDE.

IT MADE ME SAD TO SEE HER BE AFRAID OF ME AS HER FRIEND, AND I WANTED HER TO SMILE.
H...
HUH...!? SUMITO-KUN...?
KO-HARU-SAN...!
SO, BACK TO THE STORY.
I'M OKAY!
I'M
SO I CROSS-DRESSED BECAUSE I WANTED HER TO BE AT EASE.
SORRY... FOR DOING SOMETHING WEIRD.
W-WHAT AM I DOING...?
WAIT, YOU CAN'T THINK OF ME THAT WAY, CAN YOU?
Ahaha
BUT THINK OF ME AS A FEMALE FRIEND!
E-EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S OKAY.
IT WAS A TERRIBLE ATTEMPT AT CROSS-DRESSING.

NO, THANK YOU.
BUT AT THAT TIME, THE ONLY THING I WAS THINKING ABOUT
WAS TO GET HER TO SMILE FOR ME...
BUT EVEN IF I COULDN'T RIGHT THEN, WHO KNOWS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.
UNTIL THEN, I WAS GOING TO BE FIRMLY INDEPENDENT AND FOR THE TIME BEING, I STUDIED.
AT THAT TIME, NO MATTER WHAT ANTICS I DID, AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH I YEARNED FOR HER, NOTHING CAME OF IT.
SINCE I WAS STILL A KID, I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE OR THE MEANS TO BOLDLY SNATCH HER AWAY.
BUT SHE WAS ALREADY SOMEONE ELSE'S.

I COME FROM AN ELITE EDUCATIONAL FAMILY, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.
SO I DID EVERYTHING I COULD TO PURSUE THAT FIELD OF STUDY.
BUT EVEN IF I TRIED TO THROW MYSELF INTO MY STUDIES, NEWS WOULD COME IN.
SUMITO-SAN.
KOHARU-CHAN GOT MARRIED.
MOM.
YOU USED TO BE CLOSE TO HER, RIGHT?
TIME PASSED, AND WE EACH WALKED DOWN OUR SEPARATE PATHS.
SUMITO-SAN, KOHARU-CHAN GAVE BIRTH.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOU BRINGING SOMEONE NICE HOME, TOO.
I WANTED TO SEE HER, BUT IF I SAW HER LIKE THAT, IT SEEMED LIKE I'D DO SOMETHING OUT OF JEALOUSY.

I EVEN IMAGINED THAT SORT OF MISFORTUNE THAT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR ME.
IF KOHARU-SAN WAS CAST ASIDE ONE DAY, I'D COME GET HER.
AND THEN THAT DELUSION ENDED UP COMING TRUE...
KO-HARU-SAN!
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SHE HAD LOST HER FORMER BEAUTY FROM HER SICKNESS AND SHE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT EITHER.
SHE HAD MORE OR LESS BEEN CAST ASIDE.
HER MARRIAGE LIFE HAD NO PASSION I SUPPOSE.
I OFTEN CAME BACK FROM STUDYING ABROAD TO SEE HER IN THE HOSPITAL,
BUT WHEN HER SON WAS THERE, HE STOPPED ME.
SHE WAS SCARED OF HIM FROM THE START, AFTER ALL.
DON'T COME IN AND SEE MOM!

MOM LOOKS SAD WHENEVER YOU COME!
YOU TWO KNOW HER SON VERY WELL.
HE'S TSUBAKI YAEZAKI-SAN.

HE DISAPPEARED, LEAVING HIS SON BEHIND. IT WAS TERRIBLE
NOT LONG AFTER, KOHARU-SAN PASSED AWAY AND HER HUSBAND'S BUSINESS FAILED
I GUESS KOHARU-SAN DIDN'T WANT ME TO SEE HER NOW THAT SHE WAS UNATTRACTIVE.
BUT I COULDN'T ABANDON KOHARU-SAN'S SON
WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO CARE FOR THE CHILD OF THE PERSON I LOVED
WHILE IN A SELF-RIGHTEOUS, EMOTIONAL PERIOD,
I THOUGHT IT WAS WAS WRONG TO IRRESPONSIBLY TAKE HIM IN AS AN ADOPTED CHILD.
SO AT THE RIGHT TIME

I CHANGED MY APPEAR-ANCE.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
YAEZAKI-KUN.

YAEZAKI-SAN REALLY HATES GUYS THAT FUSS OVER OUTWARD APPEARANCES, RIGHT?
You like me? What part exactly?
Ah, yes
How I'm cute? Pretty? That's obvious
BEAUTY IS GENERALLY TEMPORARY.
YEAH... HE DOES.
I ALSO WEAR WOMEN'S CLOTHING, SO I KNOW VERY WELL THAT PREVENTING AGING IS DIFFICULT.
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FROM A YOUNG AGE, HE'S ALWAYS BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CONTINUING TO LOVE SOMEONE EVEN AFTER THEIR OUTWARD BEAUTY FADES.
I'M SURE IT WAS TOUGH ON HIM.
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IF I'VE TOLD YOU THIS MUCH, YOU SHOULD KNOW WHY I FOUNDED A STRANGE SCHOOL LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
FOR TSUBAKI?
TO BE HONEST, I THOUGHT THAT HE'D SURELY END UP AS THE SPITTING IMAGE OF KOHARU-SAN,
SO I DID WANT TO SEE THAT, TOO.
I WANTED TO HELP HIM GO OUT INTO THE WORLD BY PROVIDING HIM A PLACE TO BE.
IT WAS REALLY EGOTISTICAL OF ME.
AND SO AS IT CAME TO FRUITION, I WANTED TO HELP A LOT OF PEOPLE
SUCH AS FAMILIES LIKE YOURS
AND DISFUNC-TIONAL FAMILIES WHO DON'T FACE UP TO RAISING A CHILD...

BECOMING PRETTY BY CROSS-DRESSING,
AND HELPING THE CHILD OF SOMEONE IMPORTANT SPREAD HIS WINGS IN SOCIETY ARE BOTH MAGIC, TOO.
IT'S CRAZY, BUT IT CAN BE REALIZED.
THAT SORT OF ABILITY TO TAKE ACTION IS MAGIC.
I THINK OF THE DEFINITION OF LOVE
AS WISHING FOR THE OTHER PERSON TO BE HAPPY.
IT'S THE MAGIC OF LOVE.

FUFU, YOU TWO MIGHT LEAD A HEAVY LIFE FROM NOW ON, TOO.
IH! pass!!
G-GIVE ME A BREAK!
YOU'VE LED A VERY HEAVY LIFE...
Thanks!♥
YOU ALREADY FINISHED UP WHEN I WAS REMINISCING!
Whew!
OH MY!
COME TO THINK OF IT, TALKING ABOUT THIS REMINDED ME
HAHA, WE UNDER-STAND...
Thanks for the help!
THIS WAS A TALK SHOW FOR VIPS, AFTER ALL.
DON'T TALK TO ANYONE ABOUT THIS
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
THAT YOU'RE KIND OF SIMILAR TO HOW I WAS IN THE PAST, NATSUME-KUN.
FUFU, THAT'S JUST THE FEELING I GET.

THEY SAID A TYPHOON'S COMING TOMORROW.
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MY GRANDMA SAYS IT GETS COLDER EVERY TIME IT RAINS.
IT SURE IS POURING OUT THERE!
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FORCING SHUU-CHAN TO PAY ATTENTION TO ME WHEN HE'S ATTRACTED TOWARDS SOMEONE ELSE IS...
I THINK OF THE DEFINITION OF LOVE AS WISHING FOR THE OTHER PERSON TO BE HAPPY
RIGHT NOW...

RIGHT NOW MY HEART HAS ITS SIGHTS SET ON HIM,
BUT EVEN THOUGH HE CROSS-DRESSES, WE'RE STILL BOTH GUYS,
THERE'S NO SUCH THING...
AS ETERNITY IN A RELATION-SHIP...

You coming?
LET'S GO HOME, AOI-CHAN.
IF THESE FEELINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED EVEN AFTER WE MEET AGAIN OUTSIDE OF THIS SCHOOL,
HE HAD STUFF TO DO.
HUH? WHERE'S TSUBAKI?
AHH,
AT THAT TIME I'M SURE...

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ISN'T THE MOON PRETTY?

HUH? BUT IT'S RAINING.
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE THE MOON IF IT WAS CLEAR, THOUGH.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A FAMOUS LOOSE TRANSLATION, I GUESS SOMEONE WHO'S INTO THE SCIENCES AND HAS NO INTEREST IN JAPANESE WOULDN'T GET IT...
I FEEL LIKE I WAS SAVED OR DODGED A BULLET...
WELL, WHAT-EVER...

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SO IT'S OKAY.
Sigh.
...IT'S A SORROWFUL RAIN.
HESITATING TO SAY THOSE HIDDEN FEELINGS AND REGRETTING NOT SAYING THEM.
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